

Committee Secretary
Inquiry into Better Support for Carers
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family,
Community, Housing and Youth
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HOUSING & YOUTH

Dear Secretary

I wish to make a submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Family, Community, Housing and Youth's Inquiry into Better Support for Carers.

I am submitting to the Inquiry because...

I firmly believe that we as carers are carrying the load off the governments' responsibilities for all in society.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

1. The role and contribution of carers in society

As a carer, I feel that my role is...

a vital one in society. I have never called on gov. agencies to take on my role as parent - carer to a now young adult with an intellectual disability.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

2. The barriers to social and economic participation for carers

As a carer, I face the following problems ...

I need to be available to my child at all times. I need to organise & set-up her daily commitments, social activities, & leisure - these do not just happen as with other young adults who take over the role themselves.

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3. The practical measures required to better support carers

As a carer, I need help with ...

- being able to access independent living arrangements for my daughter.
- being able to access part-time employment for my daughter.

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4. Strategies to assist carers to access opportunities and choices

I think the Government can better help carers by ...

making more things available to the carer (free of charge) e.g. the Companion Card - that is great for me - it means I can take her places that I wouldn't normally go.

More information is attached on a separate sheet

Thank you for taking my views into consideration as part of the Committee's Inquiry. I look forward to reviewing any recommendations you make to improve life for carers in Australia.

Yours sincerely

Signature

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Print your name

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Date